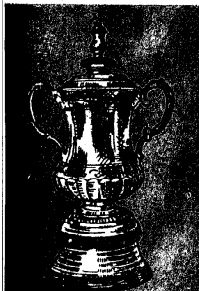


THE WANDERERS MAKE HISTORY

WITH TWO late second half goals in three minutes, Wycombe Wanderers made history on Wednesday night by their shock defeat of the third division professionals Bournemouth in a dramatic F.A. Cup second round replay — to put the Wanderers in the third round for the first time in the club's 90-year history.



The victory, confounding all the critics — though the Wanderers had had the better of the first goalless draw at Loakes Park on Saturday — gives the club the plum draw of the third round games, against the powerful first division side, Middlesbrough, at Wycombe on January 4.

Now the Wycombe club are faced with the problem of how to cope at Loakes Park with the record thousands who will clamour to see the historic third round game against Jack Charlton's stars, who last season won the second division title to gain promotion to the top rank. It will certainly attract a capacity 12,000 gate.

Support

Eight coachloads of Wycombe supporters and many more by car went to Bournemouth on Wednesday night to cheer the side against the third division opponents at Dean Court.

They saw an exciting game in which the Wanderers fought back with great spirit after being a goal down after only nine minutes — and finally, after an injury to the home 'keeper,

in a dramatic spell towards the close, with a 69th minute equaliser by Tony Horsman and a winner three minutes later, when a drive by Mick Hollifield struck Steve Perrin on the head and flew into the net.

Wycombe are the fifth non-League club to reach the third round of the competition.

Prospects

"Over the moon," was how Wycombe manager Brian Lee described his reaction to the team's triumph.

But he was bluntly realistic when asked "And what are Wycombe's chances against Middlesbrough?"

Pointing to Middlesbrough's record as top class professionals, their fine away record, and their experience and team spirit under the leadership of Jack Charlton, he declared "None at all."

He added: "I thought the lads did really well in the second half. I had to get them up a bit at half time and tried to enthuse them. We got off to a bad start and I've seen



Jubilation for the Wanderers as they leave the field after their Bournemouth triumph on Wednesday.

lision with Mick Hollifield. Wingate, although feeling strange in this unusual situation, managed to finger-tip a dangerous inswinging Wycombe corner round the post. The load now fell on the Bournemouth defenders to try and shield the makeshift keeper. But Wingate had very little chance to save the equalising shot from Horsman. Three four minutes later the

"The injury to Kevin Charlton, the goalkeeper, must have made a difference, but we needed a bit of luck in this game. We certainly didn't get it on Saturday."

'Fantastic'

Brian, who had embraced his players as they came off the pitch after the final whistle, added: "This is a tremendous night for amateur football. It's fantastic!"

Wanderers skipper Alan Phillips, who had achieved a similar 'miracle' with Hendon last year, when they held First Division Newcastle to a 1-1 draw at St. James's Park, said: "I'm absolutely delighted."

"When we were 1-0 down I feared the worst, as we were playing badly. But when Bournemouth began to play the ball in the air instead of along the ground, I knew we were in with a chance."

"I expect this Middlesbrough game to be bigger than Newcastle, and they could be in for a surprise."